



# MILO ANDRUS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**O**n this past Christmas Day in December 2021, my wife, **Shawna**, and I boarded a nonstop flight from Salt Lake City to Honolulu. It had been many years since we had been in Hawaii for Christmas and New Year's, and we were able to spend time with my 98-year-old mother and all of my siblings. On New Year's Eve, we had dinner on the side patio with tropical plants all around us. We had two propane stoves on the dining table and we cooked fresh vegetables and savory meats to our hearts' content while we reminisced and enjoyed our time together. It was one part of a wonderful, glorious experience! The two greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbor, and certainly loving and being loved by family helps us to do both of those.

Three upcoming events are worth mentioning here. First of all, being held as an all-virtual event March 3–5, **RootsTech 2022** is an opportunity for us to make new friends with other Milo Andrus descendants and to represent the Milo Andrus family through our participation. The event is free. If you would like to share some of your worthwhile experiences, please send them to us at [president@miloandrus.org](mailto:president@miloandrus.org).

Second, and after a two-year COVID-19 hiatus, we will hold our **Day of Service** clean-up at the Andrus home at **This Is the Place Heritage Park**.

Come prepared Saturday, March 26, 8 a.m. We will start with a quick continental breakfast and then get to work. We need to finish by 10 a.m. for opening day for the spring season.

Third, our **Milo Andrus Family Reunion** will be held Saturday, June 18. We invite all who are able to attend physically to do so. We will have an online portion of the reunion for those who would like to participate that way. There will be food and fun activities, and a brief business meeting. Rumor has it that Milo himself could make an appearance. It will be held at **Chapel Park** in Bountiful, Utah, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 2285 South 200 West, Bountiful, Utah, 84010. I look forward to seeing and speaking with many of you in the next few months.

Aloha,

*Vaun B. Andrus*



## FROM OUR READERS

### WHAT BEING A DESCENDANT OF MILO ANDRUS MEANS TO ME

By Doug Andrus

Quite frequently, when people learn my last name, I get asked if I am related to a certain Andrus. I then ask, “What kind of person or neighbor are they?” The reply is always, “Oh they are good people.” I reply, “Oh, then I am probably related!”

I then get the chance to tell them that my great-grandfather **Milo Andrus** had 57 children, so I have many cousins that I haven’t met and don’t even know, so I am undoubtedly related. My wife, **Audrey**, often experiences the same thing.

I am impressed when I read the history of Milo and find out what an impact and influence he had in church history. Included are his associations with the prophet, **Joseph Smith**, and as a member of Zion’s Camp, along with many responsible church leadership positions he held. Milo served as a member of the First Quorum of Seventy, branch president, bishop, stake president, patriarch, temple ordinance worker and served as wagon master of several companies of saints moving west—and he helped them settle into their new homes in Utah and neighboring Idaho.

I have been pleased to hear from the pulpit in General Conference, at least two different times, apostles mentioning what a positive influence Milo and my **Uncle George** had on them or their ancestors.

I am proud of the heritage I have and to hear that our family is one of the largest families in the church and at the top of the list of families in the number of missionaries being sent out.

We can’t choose our relatives but I am sure glad that I have such a good and solid foundation and a good family name. I am so grateful that I have been born of goodly parents with a good family name and great ancestors. I love to be able to tell the story of my grandfather, **Milo Jr.**, being born in the mission field in Great Britain as his father was serving his Heavenly Father as a



*Doug Andrus is pictured above while serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the historic city of Nauvoo, Illinois.*

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missionary of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ along with his second wife, **Sarah Ann Miles**.

It inspires me to do my part to carry on the family traditions of righteousness and to keep the family name untarnished and held in high regard.

*Sarah Ann Miles was born in Ohio March 9, 1818, and baptized into the LDS church around 1845. She was married to Milo in 1848 and together they had one child. Sarah Ann passed away November 28, 1851, at age 33. She is buried in Holladay, Utah.*

*What is your connection to Milo Andrus? What does he mean to you? We are interested to hear and share your story. Please email [secretary@miloandrus.org](mailto:secretary@miloandrus.org).*



## FROM THE EDITOR

### A CLOSER LOOK AT ROOTSTECH 2022—IT'S MUCH MORE THAN JUST 3 DAYS

Concerned you missed the chance to connect during the March 3–5 **RootsTech** this year? Don't be! The good news is, event organizers have extended the opt-in connection features through March 25, so there's still time.

Couldn't cram all that learning into a three-day window? More good news—the 2022 RootsTech materials will be available online to view on demand for at least the next year.

Those who have attended RootsTech before are huge fans of the event, but what is it really all about and why is it a big deal? Let's take a closer look.

#### What is RootsTech?

Launched in 2011, RootsTech is the world's largest family history conference, designed to help people “discover, gather and connect families past, present and future,” according to RootsTech organizers. The event celebrates family and the discovery of family histories, and promotes connections to fellow conference goers by linking them through common ancestors.



*Although the 2022 RootsTech conference is scheduled during the first week of March, online content, including keynote speakers and conference sessions, are available to view on demand through the next year.*

If you are interested in exploring and documenting your roots and connecting with people who may hold clues to the gaps in the different branches of your family tree, this event is for you. The 2021 conference drew 1.1 million participants from 242 countries.

#### What is the conference format?

The conference features four main elements: daily **keynote sessions**, 1,500 **class sessions** on 185 topics, a **virtual exhibit hall** featuring related businesses and resources, and **Relatives at RootsTech**—an online “experience” that shows how you are related to other RootsTech attendees.

The format is all-virtual, with online chat tools and a messaging feature to direct-message your relatives.

#### How do I discover and connect with relatives?

To find and connect with living relatives, start by visiting [www.familysearch.org/connect](http://www.familysearch.org/connect) to join Relatives at RootsTech. Next, register for RootsTech2022 at [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org). Visit the Relative at RootsTech website (first web link) or use the **FamilySearch** Family Tree mobile app to see your relatives who have registered and how you are related.

To get the most of out of this feature, it is important to have your family tree in FamilySearch. At the time of this publication, 28,356 of my relatives have joined!

#### Who is the organizing sponsor?

The organizing host is **FamilySearch International**. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization that offers access to genealogical records, education and the FamilySearch app available online and on your mobile phone. FamilySearch is operated by **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** and is closely connected with the church's Family History Department.

#### Do I have to be a church member to register?

The RootsTech conference and FamilySearch are provided free of charge to everyone, regardless of tradition, culture or religious affiliation.

To learn more, visit [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org). See you there!

## CONNECT WITH YOUR WIFE-LINE REPRESENTATIVE

Learn more about your extended family and the history you share through your wife-line!

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### JUNE 2022 FAMILY REUNION T-SHIRT, POLO AND HOODIE ORDERS

As part of the 2022 family reunion, the Milo Andrus Family Organization is working with a Utah clothing vendor to provide the following apparel options for our family:

- Standard T-shirts (\$7)
- Performance T-shirts (\$13)
- Polo shirts (\$18)
- Hoodies (\$22)
- Full-zip hoodies (\$29)

An online ordering website will be established to allow family members to pre-order before the reunion so they will be available for pick up at the reunion. This website will also allow family members from across the country who are unable to attend the reunion in person to place orders and have those orders shipped directly to their homes.

The imprinting will include the Milo Andrus brand and the June 18, 2022 reunion date. Please watch for more details coming soon!

### JOIN US FOR THE MILO ANDRUS SERVICE DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 26, OR HOST YOUR OWN!

Mark your calendars, set your alarm clocks and dress for the weather. We are gathering March 26 for the 2022 Milo Andrus Service Day at the Andrus home at **This Is the Place Heritage Park**, 2601 East Sunnyside Avenue, Salt Lake City. We will perform outdoor cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m. Check out [www.miloandrus.org](http://www.miloandrus.org) and the **Milo Andrus Descendants Facebook Group** for information and updates. Can't join us? Feel free to host your own service event and send us your photos!

The Milo Andrus Family Organization would love to hear from you! Please contact us at the following:

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